

The Firms of OXFORD And The Carolinian Join In Congratulating The Oxford Orphanage For The Fine Job Being Done By It. They Also Congratulate The Farmers Of Granville County For A Job Well Done



Ushers Open 1954 Drive For Oxford Institution

Rev. T. H. Brooks, Oxford Orphanage, announced this week that the receipt of more than \$100,000 from the International Ushers Union of North Carolina at its recent meeting in Winston-Salem, was the opening gun for the annual drive.

The school held praised the donors who have contributed throughout the year and called upon them to support the work of the school and told of the plans for the coming year.

The school was founded in 1882 as the Colored Orphanage Association. The idea was born in the mind of Dr. Augustus Shepard, who saw the need of an institution that would take care of orphaned children. The growth of the institution has been hard and steady. It has been kept open by contributions from friends and philanthropists, since that time. The state ushers have played a big part in recent years.

No child is taken into the school under 4 years old, nor over 11. This gives the staff an opportunity to mold the character of the child, in a religious atmosphere, that will guide him through the remaining years of his life.

The school is responsible for food, shelter and training. Most of the food comes from the 183 acres of cleared land that is owned by the school. There is now 62 acres of tobacco being grown; sixty-five acres of corn; six acres of sweet potatoes; eight acres of garden and about 30 acres of hay and pasture. There are 23 cows, from which 48 gallons of milk are consumed by the students daily. All of the surplus production is sold to local people. There are 156 students now on the campus, with a long waiting list. There are 18 full time staff members and two part-time.

The school owns 340 acres. Every child must perform some kind of duty. This means that they are taught to work with their hands as well as with their minds. The boys are taught farming, woodwork, dairying, barbering and shoe repairing. The girls are taught domestic science and art, which covers every phase of home life. There is definitely no adoption from the school.

The 1954 burley tobacco crop is expected to be 19.9 million pounds.



FUTURE BARBERS — Even though the photometer on the extreme right seems to not like the treatment that he is receiving from the hands of one of the boys who are preparing to be barbers, at the Oxford Orphanage, nevertheless he is one of the subjects that will make the student a member of the profession of barbering. This is one of the scenes that can be witnessed at any time you visit the barber shop on the campus. Barbering is one of the professions taught at the school.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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